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ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION

FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant responds herein to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 9, 2005.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1.	If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.	If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.	If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4	\int If checked amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith